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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A door lock controller comprising:

a transmitter for transmitting a signal including a specific identification code;

a receiver for receiving the signal from the transmitter;

a request switch, which operates independently of a door handle, for prompting the receiver to listen for the signal;

a control section that determines when the receiver does not receive the signal from the transmitter;

a storage section for storing a cipher on the basis of an actuation of the request switch if said control section determines that the receiver does not receive the signal from the transmitter; and

a door lock unlocking section that unlocks the door lock when a coincidence exists between a previously stored cipher and the stored cipher that is stored in said storage section.

Claim 2. (Previously presented) The door lock controller according to claim 1, further comprising:

an answer back section for informing an operator of the actuation of the request switch,

wherein said storage section stores the cipher that is input through repeated actuation of the request switch.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The door lock controller according to claim 1, further comprising:

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an answer back section for acknowledging to an operator of the request switch of continued actuation of the request switch,

wherein said cipher that is input through said request switch is based upon the number of acknowledgments from the answer back section.

Claim 4. (Original) The door lock controller according to claim 2, wherein:

said answer back section includes an illumination section provided in a passenger compartment.

Claim 5. (Original) The door lock controller according to claim 3, wherein:

said answer back section includes an illumination section provided in a passenger compartment.

Claim 6. (Original) The door lock controller according to claim 2, wherein:

said answer back section includes an answer back indicator provided integrally with the request switch.

Claim 7. (Original) The door lock controller according to claim 3, wherein:

said answer back section includes an answer back indicator provided integrally with the request switch.

Claim 8. (Previously presented) The door lock controller according to claim 6, wherein:

said answer back indicator provides a different display depending on whether or not

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the receiver receives the signal from the transmitter.

Claim 9. (Previously presented) The door lock controller according to claim 7, wherein:
said answer back indicator provides a different display depending on whether or not
the receiver receives the signal from the transmitter.

Claim 10. (Original) The door lock controller according to claim 6, wherein:
said answer back indicator provides a different display depending on states of the door
lock.

Claim 11. (Original) The door lock controller according to claim 7, wherein:
said answer back indicator provides a different display depending on states of the door
lock.

Claim 12. (Original) The door lock controller according to claim 2, wherein:
said answer back section includes a sound section for informing the operator by means
of a sound.

Claim 13. (Original) The door lock controller according to claim 3, wherein:
said answer back section includes a sound section for informing the operator by means
of a sound.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) A method for controlling a door lock with a door lock

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controller having a transmitter for transmitting a signal including a specific identification code, a receiver for receiving the signal transmitted from the transmitter, and a request switch, which operates independently of a door handle, for prompting the receiver to listen for the signal, wherein a door lock is locked or unlocked through an actuation of the request switch, said controlling method comprising:

determining whether the receiver is not receiving the signal from the transmitter;

receiving a cipher through actuation of the request switch;

storing the cipher entered on the basis of an actuation of the request switch when it is determined that the receiver does not receive the signal from the transmitter; and

unlocking the door lock when a coincidence exists between a previously stored cipher and the cipher inputted through said actuation of the request switch.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) The door lock controlling method according to claim 14, further comprising:

informing an operator of the actuation of the request switch as an answer back operation,

wherein said storing comprises storing the cipher as a result of repeated actuations of the request switch.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The door lock controlling method according to claim 14, further comprising:

acknowledging to an operator of the continued actuation of the request switch as an answer back operation,

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wherein said storing comprises storing the cipher on the basis of the number of the answer back operations performed during the continuous actuation of the request switch.

Claim 17. (Currently amended) A door lock controller comprising:

a receiver;

a controller in communication with the receiver; and

a request switch which operates independently of a door handle; and

a door unlock mechanism that unlocks a door in response to a door unlock command from said controller,

wherein said controller determines whether said receiver receives an identification code,

wherein, if said controller determines that the receiver does not receive an identification code, said controller determines an input cipher based upon an actuation of said request switch, and

wherein said controller provides the door unlock command to said door unlock mechanism if said controller determines that the receiver does not receive an identification code and the input cipher corresponds to a previously stored cipher.

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 17, wherein said input cipher is based upon a number of actuations of said request switch.

Claim 19. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 17, further comprising an acknowledgment section for acknowledging actuation of the request switch.

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Claim 20. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 19, wherein said input cipher is based upon the number of times said acknowledgment section acknowledges actuation of the request switch.